



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 25, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Burke:

“The City of Los Angeles recently passed a resolution authorizing the offer of a monetary reward of \$1,000 for information leading up to the arrest and conviction of individuals who dump trash and hazardous materials on public property, including alleys, streets, and sidewalks. Los Angeles County also faces a huge and expensive problem where people illegally dump building and construction debris, large bulky trash items, tires and mattresses, not to mention toxic and hazardous materials, on public property. The cost to the Los Angeles County for cleanup and proper disposal of these materials accounts for millions of dollars annually.

“While people who engage in criminal activity are rarely cognizant of local jurisdictions and their boundaries, I believe that if the City steps up enforcement and offers rewards, those engaged in this criminal behavior may increase their activity within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. We need the residents and those employed by businesses in these areas to work in partnership with us to be our eyes and ears.

“I therefore recommend that the Board institute a reward program within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, similar to the process which offers rewards for information on crimes such as homicide, to allow a person to provide information on illegal dumping that will help identify the perpetrator(s), such as names, vehicle license plate numbers, and any other identifying information, to the Sheriff's Department, and if that information leads to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s), the reporting individual is eligible to collect \$1,000.

“I further recommend that the Acting Director of Public Works be instructed to include information on this reward offer in all marketing and press releases, and include this information in all community presentations concerning illegal dumping to notify the public that they may be eligible for a reward if they report identifying information to law enforcement.”

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Supervisor Burke made the following revised statement:

“On November 20, 2008, the City of Los Angeles introduced the prevention campaign ‘Don’t Dump on LA,’ which stressed the City’s \$1,000 reward for citizens who report information that leads to the arrest and conviction of individuals who dump trash and hazardous materials on public property, including alleys, streets, and sidewalks. Los Angeles County also faces a hazardous and expensive problem where people illegally dump building and construction debris, large bulky trash items, tires and mattresses, not to mention toxic and hazardous materials, on public property. The cost to the Los Angeles County for clean-up and proper disposal of these materials account for over three million dollars annually.

“While people who engage in criminal activity are rarely cognizant of local jurisdictions and their boundaries; I believe that if the City steps-up enforcement and publicizes its reward offer, those engaged in this criminal behavior may increase their activity within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. We need the residents and those employed by businesses in these areas to work in partnership with us to be our eyes and ears.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Acting Director of Public Works to conduct a feasibility study and implementation plan for instituting a pilot reward program within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, similar to the process which offers rewards for information on crimes such as homicide, to allow a person to provide information on illegal dumping that will help identify the perpetrator(s), such as names, vehicle license plate numbers, and any other identifying information, to the Sheriff’s Department, and if that information leads to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s), the reporting individuals is eligible to collect \$1,000;
2. Directed the Acting Director of Public Works to include an outreach component in the pilot program, and include information in all community presentations concerning illegal dumping to notify the public that they may be eligible for a reward if they report identifying information to law enforcement; and

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3. Requested the Sheriff, the Acting Director of Public Works, and County Counsel to report back in 30 days on the feasibility of this program and to include a review of the effectiveness of similar programs in other jurisdictions.

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